

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for conveying material, ~~advantageously food-industry bulk material, especially cutting offals or food waste,~~ by means of a pressure difference in a conveying pipe (4), in which method the material is fed to ~~[[a]]~~ the conveying pipe (4), and further in the conveying pipe (4) to a separator device (5) in which the transferred material is separated from conveying air, in which method underpressure is achieved to the conveying pipe (4) with an ejector apparatus (6) the suction side of which is combined with the separator device (5), ~~which~~ the ejector apparatus ~~[[is]]~~ being operated with an actuating medium, ~~characterised in that wherein liquid mist, especially aqueous liquid mist is utilised~~ utilized as the actuating medium of the ejector apparatus (6).
2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein sprayed liquid mist is collected at least partially and recirculated for spraying.
3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the medium is sprayed, ~~if required,~~ with several nozzles (121, 122, 123).
4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein to the ejector apparatus (6) is brought a second medium, especially a ~~liquidous and/or liquid~~ and/or gaseous medium.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second medium is brought to the ejector apparatus (6) along with the actuating medium.
6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second medium is ~~ought~~ brought regardless of the actuating medium.
7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the proportion of the second medium and the actuating medium is regulated ~~when required~~.
8. (Curerntly Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second medium is sprayed by a nozzle to the ejector device.
9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second medium is sprayed to the ejector device (6) before the mixing of ~~the~~ gases coming from ~~the~~ a suction pipe (7) with the actuating medium of the ejector.
10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second medium is sprayed to the ejector device (6) during the mixing of ~~the~~ gases of ~~the~~ a suction pipe (7) with the actuating medium or after it.
11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least a major part of the second medium is separated from ~~the~~ gas flow by separating/collecting means (38).

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein ~~odour~~ odor and/or particle nuisances are eliminated and/or the suction effect of the ejector apparatus (6) is intensified by bringing the second medium.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein as the second medium is ~~utilised~~ utilized a ~~liquidous~~ liquid medium, especially water.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for conveying material, ~~advantageously~~ ~~food-industry bulk material, especially cutting offals and food waste,~~ by means of a pressure difference in a conveying pipe (4), which apparatus comprises a conveying pipe (4) for the material, a separator device (5), and [[a]] means for achieving underpressure to the conveying pipe (4) with an ejector apparatus (6) the suction side of which is connected to the separator device (5), which ejector apparatus is operated with an actuating medium, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ejector apparatus (6) comprises at least ~~one nozzle~~ one nozzle (121, 122) for spraying liquid mist ~~and utilising~~ which liquid mist is utilized as the actuating medium of the ejector and a means (125, 126, 127, 131) for feeding the liquid for the nozzle.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the apparatus further comprises [[a]] collecting means (38) for at least partial collecting of the sprayed actuating medium and [[a]] means (131, 126, 125) for re-spraying the collected medium.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ~~claim~~ 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one of the nozzles (121) is arranged to spray in a ~~[[the]]~~ suction pipe (7).

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ~~claim~~ 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the apparatus further comprises at least one ejector nozzle (122) which is arranged to an ejector pipe (128) or to its vicinity, which ejector pipe is directed at a separator member (38) or extends inside the separator member (38).

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ~~claim~~ 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the apparatus further comprises a means (123, 130) for feeding a second medium; ~~advantageously a liquidous and/or gaseous medium, especially water,~~ to the ejector apparatus (6).

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ~~claim~~ 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the means for bringing the second medium comprises at least one nozzle (123).

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to ~~claim~~ claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the means for bringing the second medium comprises at least one nozzle (123) from at least one opening of which the second medium is sprayed to the ejector device (6) by means of the suction produced by the ejector.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 14, ~~characterised in that~~
wherein the apparatus comprises ~~[[a]]~~ means (38) for separating ~~liquidous liquid~~ and/or solid
matter from ~~[[the]]~~ gas flow.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to ~~claim~~ claim 14, ~~characterised in~~
~~that~~ wherein the apparatus comprises ~~[[a]]~~ means for achieving a rotating movement in the
separator member (38).

23. (New) A method for conveying material by means of a pressure difference in a
conveying pipe, in which method the material is fed to a conveying pipe, and further in the
conveying pipe to a separator device in which the transferred material is separated from
conveying air, in which method underpressure is achieved to the conveying pipe with an
ejector apparatus the suction side of which is combined with the separator device, which
ejector apparatus is operated with an actuating medium, wherein liquid mist is utilized as the
actuating medium of the ejector apparatus and liquid mist is sprayed to an ejector pipe, which
ejector pipe is directed at a separator member or extends inside the separator member.

24. (New) An apparatus for conveying material by means of a pressure difference in a
conveying pipe, which apparatus comprises a conveying pipe for the material, a separator
device, and means for achieving underpressure to the conveying pipe with an ejector
apparatus the suction side of which is connected to the separator device, which ejector
apparatus is operated with an actuating medium, wherein the ejector apparatus comprises at
least one nozzle for spraying liquid mist which liquid mist is utilized as the actuating medium
of the ejector and means for feeding the liquid for the nozzle and that the apparatus comprises

at least one ejector nozzle which is arranged to an ejector pipe or to its vicinity, which ejector pipe is directed at a separator member or extends inside the separator member.

25. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid mist is aqueous liquid mist.

26. (New) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the second medium is a liquid and/or gaseous medium.

27. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the second medium is water.

28. (New) An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the liquid mist is aqueous liquid mist.